REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2003. Claims 14 and 26 have been amended to correct clerical errors to place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

There are two related errors that have been corrected:

- 1) Claim 14 depended from cancelled claim 2. Accordingly, claim 14 is now amended to change its dependency from claim 2 to claim 1.
- New claim 26 was intended to parallel claim 14 (i.e., be the apparatus equivalent to the method of claim 14). However, claim 26 as added is merely duplicative of claim 14, since claim 26 recites the same dependence as claim 14. Accordingly, claim 26 is now amended to recite dependence from claim 10, the apparatus claim that corresponds to the method claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that correcting these errors merely places the claims in better form for consideration on appeal and raises no new issues. Therefore, it is believed that the Amendment

complies with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.116(b) for entry and the examiner is respectfully requested to enter the Amendment so that the claims may be fairly considered on appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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